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Applicant : Michael Meier et al.

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Respectfully submitted,

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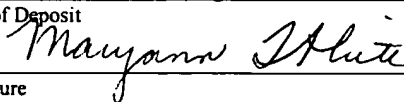
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

A1

--3. (Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising storing payload data of the frame in a data structure for an amount of time based upon times to send the extracted overhead data to the external programmable device, modify the overhead data, and receive the modified overhead data from the external programmable device.--

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cont.

-- 6. (Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein the amount of time payload data of the frame is stored in a data structure is approximately equal to a total amount of time spent extracting, modifying and inserting the overhead data. --

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-- 11. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 8 including a data structure in the logic circuit, wherein the logic circuit is further configured to store payload data of the frame in the data structure for an amount of time based upon times to send the extracted overhead

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